Boundary walls around railway property

3168. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to construct boundary walls around railway property in Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata to prevent their encroachment and misuse; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to construct boundary walls around railway property to prevent their encroachments and misuse. The length of boundary walls proposed to be constructed during the year 2009-10 around railway property in the four metropolis is as given below:—

Mumbai (21.5 Kilometre), Delhi (4.6 Kilometre), Chennai (0.9 Kilometre) and Kolkata (6.8 Kilometre).

Modernisation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Station

†3169. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the task of carrying out survey to make Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Mumbai entirely a state-of-art station, while retaining its status as a heritage site, has been assigned to some French company AREP, a subsidiary of French Railway (SNCF) at the cost of Rupees 90 crores;

(b) if so, when and the time by when survey is likely to be completed;

(c) the time when the task of modernization would commence;

(d) whether the Railways have also commenced the survey for making 26 more railway stations at par with international standards; and

(e) if so, by when and the names of those 26 stations alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) For preparation of Master Plan and Feasibility report for developing Carnac Bunder (CST Mumbai) as world class station, M/s AREP VILLE, France has been appointed as Architect and Technical Consultant at a cost of Rs. 11.45 crores. A part of Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus site is a heritage structure that will be preserved during formulation of the proposal for development of the station. Preparation of Master Plan and Feasibility report is targeted to be accomplished by March, 2010.

(c) Award of the concession takes about one and a half year after approval of the Master Plan and Feasibility Report by the local agencies. Work at site shall commence after financial close is achieved by the concessionaire.

(d) and (e) As per the Budget Announcement 2009-10, it is now proposed to develop about 50 stations as world class stations. Master Plan and Feasibility Report of New Delhi has

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